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EVALUATION OF MAPS OF HOKKAIDO

1. International Map of the World, 1:1,000,000; Japanese Imperial Land Survey, 1933-1936. Four sheets of this series published by the Land Survey cover all of Hokkaido. The sheets were compiled from original Japanese sources such as the 1:200,000 and 1:500,000 maps, and Japanese Imperial Admiralty Charts. Relief is shown by gradient tints. English text (Romaji transliteration). The series is generally reliable considering the scale, but is not as up to date as the Eastern Asia series by the Army Map Service at the same scale.
2. Eastern Asia, 1:1,000,000 (AMS 5301), Army Map Service 1944. Four sheets, based on the sheet layout of the International Map of the World, cover Hokkaido. The sheets were compiled from Japanese sources, and were corrected in part from supplemental intelligence. English text (Romaji). Relief is shown by gradient tints. Important details are considered factually correct.
3. Japanese Naval Air Chart, 1:500,000; Imperial Japanese Navy, 1937-38. Four sheets cover Hokkaido. Compiled from Japanese sources with corrections from Japanese Hydrographic Charts to 1938. This series has been reprinted by the Army Map Service and issued in 1941 with airfield and seadrome information corrected to 1940. The series shows relief by hill shading, and the AMS reprint has a somewhat inaccurate English transliteration overprint.
4. Northern Japan, 1:250,000 (AMS L561); Army Map Service, 1943. Twenty-one sheets covering the entire area of Hokkaido are part of a larger series covering all of Japan Proper, Formosa, and Korea. The series was compiled from Japanese Imperial Land Survey maps, 1:50,000 and 1:200,000 dated 1910 to 1939; Japanese Hydrographic Charts dated 1925 to 1935; U.S. Hydrographic Charts dated 1925 to 1943; and was corrected from Military Intelligence information to 1943. Relief is shown by contours except in limited areas where contours are omitted on the original Japanese sources. English (Romaji) is based on transliterations from the 1:50,000 Japanese Imperial Land Survey maps. Communication information is questionable as little up-to-date information is available. Topography, control, and population breakdown is dependable.
5. Japanese Empire 1:200,000; Japanese Imperial Land Survey, 1890-1939. Approximately 28 sheets cover all of Hokkaido. These sheets were compiled from survey at the scale of 1:50,000 or larger. Relief is shown by contours and hill shading (green) combined. Text is Japanese. This series, together with the 1:50,000 by the same publisher, is the most reliable complete coverage of the Japanese maps.

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6. Japanese Empire, 1:400,000; Japanese Imperial Geological Survey, 1902. One sheet on southwest Hokkaido is based on topographic surveys and shows areal geology. Relief is by contours and text is both Japanese and English.

7. Japanese Empire, 1:50,000; Japanese Imperial Land Survey, 1897-1940. Hokkaido is entirely covered with the exception of a few missing sheets. The sheets are based on large scale surveys and show accurate delineations. Relief is by contours except in limited Japanese restricted areas. Text is Japanese. This series, together with the 1:200,000 series by the same agency, is the most reliable complete coverage of the Japanese maps.

8. Hokkaido, 1:50,000 (AMS L764); Army Map Service, 1944. Reprints of the Imperial Land Survey 1:50,000 sheets in black and white with grid, transliteration, and border information overlay in purple for all of Hokkaido are published by the Army Map Service.

9. Japanese Empire, 1:25,000; Japanese Imperial Land Survey, 1911-1938. Partial coverage (approximately 30 sheets) is available on Hokkaido. Topography is shown by contours and all details are from survey at 1:25,000. Text is Japanese. For the limited areas covered these maps are considered dependable, but not up to date.

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